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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF DETAINEES

QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles

Note by the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1991/16

1. The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in its resolution 1991/16 of 28 August 1991, requested, inter alia, the Secretary-General

> "to explore the feasibility of organizing a meeting of experts under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs on the application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles, in order that the results of the meeting may be used by the Special Rapporteur in the preparation of the updated report."

2. On 29 May 1992, the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights addressed a letter to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund requesting their comments and recommendations on the feasibility of convening such a meeting.

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3. Following consultations with the concerned organizations, the Secretariat proposes to hold such a meeting in the spring of 1993 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It is expected that representatives of United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations would be invited to participate in the meeting.

4. Proposals for topics to be discussed could include the following:

1. Effective methods in preventing crime and improving the treatment of juvenile offenders:

(a) Legal safeguards;

(b) Implementation of the existing Rules.

2. Measures to be taken within institutions for juveniles to ensure the protection of the rights of detained children.

3. International action, in particular with regard to monitoring and technical assistance.

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